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SUBJ: MBFR: OPTION III: EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS: SPC MEETING
NOVEMBER 13.

1. AT SPC MEETING NOV. 13, DANISH REP (VILLADSEN), UNDER
INSTRUCTIONS, STATED THAT DENMARK OPPOSES THE UK PROPOSAL TO
INFORM THE OTHER SIDE AT AN EARLY DATE OF THE ALLIED POSITION
ON US/SOVIET EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS, BUT AGREES THAT
THE ALLIES SHOULD IN REPLY TO EARLY EASTERN QUESTIONS SAY
THAT THERE WILL BE NO LIMITATIONS ON NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT,
IN ORDER NOT TO MISLEAD THE EAST IN ANY WAY.

2. THE DANISH POSITION MEANS THAT THERE IS STILL NO COUNTRY
WHICH SUPPORTS THE UK POSITION THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD TELL
THE OTHER SIDE EARLY IN THE DISCUSSION THE ALLIED POSITION ON
US/SOVIET EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS, ALTHOUGH BELGIUM AND CANADA
ARE "INTERESTED" IN IT. IT ALSO MEANS THAT THE FOLLOWING
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COUNTRIES NOW FAVOR AN EARLY, NEGATIVE REPLY TO EASTERN QUESTIONS
AS TO WHETHER THERE WILL BE LIMITATIONS ON NON-US ALLIED
EQUIPMENT: THE FRG, BELGIUM, UK, ITALY AND DENMARK. NO COUNTRY
OTHER THAN THE US OPPOSES THIS COURSE. THE NETHERLANDS AND

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CANADA HAVE NOT TAKEN A POSITION AND PROBABLY WILL NOT.

3. THE FRG AND BELGIUM HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE STRONGEST ON TELLING THE EAST AT AN EARLY DATE THAT THERE WILL BE NO LIMITATIONS ON NON US ALLLED EQUIPMENT. THE UK APPEARS TO HAVE ADOPTED THIS POSTION BECAUSE IT GOES WITH THE OTHER UK POSITION THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD TELL THE EAST AT AN EARLY DATE THE ALLIED POSITION US/SOVIET EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS. DENMARK AND TIALY, AS INDIRECT PARTICIPANTS, WOULD NOT NORMALLY HOLD OUT ON AN ISSUE IF THE DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WERE AGREE.

4. WE NOTE THAT ROTH WAS NON COMMITTAL ON THE DEMARCHE MADE IN BONN ON THIS SUBJECT. WE ASSUME THAT US OFFICIALS WILL DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH HIM FURTHER ON HIS VISIT TO WSHIINGTON. IF THE FRG IS UNABLE TO AGREE WITH THE US ON THIS SUBJECT, THERE IS IN OUR VIEW NO POSSIBILITY OF BEGINNING THE PROCESS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO ALLIED AGREEMENT THAT THE ALLIES SHOULD DEFER REPLYING TO EASTERN QUESTIONS ON NON US ALLIED EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS UNTIL AFTER THE EAST HAS PROVIDED AN INSTRUCTED RESPONSE TO THE OPTION III REDUCTIONS PROPOSAL. IN THAT EVENTUALITY, THE US WOULD NEED TO WORK WITH THE COMPROMISE VERSION OF PARA5 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE AND WITH PARA 10 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE INCLUDING THE FRG PHRASE ENABLING THE AHG TO USE PARA 10 ANY TIME AFTER THE POINTS IN PARA 5 HAD BEEN MADE. GOING THROUGH THE SUCCESSIVE STEPS IN PARA 5 AT LEAST WOULD DELAY THE USE OF PARA 10 IN THE NEGOTIATION- UNLIKE THE UK SENTENCE WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE AHG TO GIVE THE NEGATIVE RESPONSE ANY TIME THE OTHER SIDE RAISED THE QUESTION. STREATOR

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